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SUBJECT: STATUS OF FATHER GERALD WHELAN

REF: A) SANTIAGO 7692 B) PAPPAS (S/ORM)/STOUT TELCON NOV 14

1. SEPTEL GIVES INFORMATION ON WHELAN'S LOSS OF US NATIONALITY.
 2. US CONSUL SAW WHELAN AT PUBLIC JAIL NOV 17. WHELAN TOLD HIM HE PREFERRED TO STAY IN CHILE IF POSSIBLE, AND IF DEPRIVED OF CITIZENSHIP AND EXPELLED, TO GO TO US. IN EITHER CASE, HE WOULD DEFER TO HIS RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS.
 3. EMBOFF NOV 19 SPOKE TO HOLY CROSS PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR FATHER FERMIN DONOSO. LATTER HAD TALKED TO WHELAN AFTER CONSUL'S INTERVIEW. WHELAN TOLD DONOSO HE WANTED TO STAY IN CHILE AND WAS WILLING TO GO THROUGH TRIAL IF NECESSARY TO DO SO. ASSUMING WHELAN'S RELEASE OR RECEIVING ONLY LIGHT SENTENCE, DONOSO THOUGHT WHELAN MIGHT GO TO HOLY CROSS HEADQUARTERS IN US FOR FEW MONTHS WHILE ORDER DECIDED ON HIS FUTURE IN CHILE. IF DEPRIVED OF HIS CHILEAN NATIONALITY AND EXPELLED, WHELAN SHOULD GO TO US IF POSSIBLE.
 4. EMBOFF TOLD DONOSO THAT IN FORMER CASE, HE WAS CONFIDENT WHELAN WOULD QUALIFY FOR APPROPRIATE NIV. IF DEPRIVED OF NATIONALITY AND EXPELLED, WHELAN COULD BE PAROLED INTO US UNDER PROCEDURE
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OUTLINED IN REF B.

5. EMBOFF TOLD DONOSO THAT IN VIEW OF WHELAN'S CLEARLY EXPRESSED
DESIRE TO REMAIN IN CHILE IF POSSIBLE-- AND TO TAKE SOME RISK
IF NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE-- EMBASSY WOULD NOT PRESS GOC ON
EXPULSION SOLUTION MENTIONED TO FONMIN LAST WEEK AS POSSIBLITY
(REF A). DONOSO WHOLHEARTEDLY AGREED THAT EMBASSY SHOULD DESIST
AND COMMENTED HE WAS SURE THIS COURSE WOULD BE PREFERRED BY WHELAN.
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